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SUBJECT: SAUDI PROTEST AGAINST ALLEGED STATEMENT OF  
AMBASSADOR YOUNG

REF: JIDDA 2838

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

1. IN YOUR NEXT MEETING WITH SAUD YOU SHOULD ATTEMPT  
TO CORRECT HIS APPARENT IMPRESSION OF AMBASSADOR  
YOUNG'S VIEWS ON AFRICA. YOU SHOULD DRAW ON FOLLOWING  
TALKING POINTS IN YOUR PRESENTATION:

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-- PRINCE SAUD'S APPROACH OF APRIL 18 APPEARS TO ARISE FROM  
PRESS REPORTS OF COMMENTS AMBASSADOR YOUNG MADE TO A  
GROUP OF WASHINGTON REPORTERS ON APRIL 11. IN THAT  
INTERVIEW, THE AMBASSADOR, IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION  
ABOUT WHETHER THE US SHOULD RECOGNIZE ANGOLA WITHOUT  
ANY PRECONDITIONS, SAID THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE US SHOULD

NOT GET "PARANOID" ABOUT COMMUNISTS IN AFRICA BUT LOOK HONESTLY AT INDIVIDUAL SITUATIONS IN AFRICA. HE ADVOCATED A "POST-COLD WAR ASSESSMENT" OF AFRICA WHICH WAS BASED ON REALISM AND NOT ON A "KNEE-JERK" REACTION WHICH PURPORTED TO SEE COMMUNIST INVOLVEMENT EVERYWHERE IN AFRICA. THE PRESS IN MANY INSTANCES PORTRAYED AMBASSADOR YOUNG AS CONDONING COMMUNIST PRESENCE IN AFRICA OR IMPLYING THAT THE US SHOULD NOT DO ANYTHING TO COMBAT SOVIET INFLUENCE. PRINCE SAUD'S REFERENCE TO STATEMENT THAT "COMMUNISTS IN AFRICA PRESENT NO DANGER" COULD WELL HAVE BEEN GLEANED FROM SOME OF THE PRESS REPORTING ON THE INTERVIEW.

-- AMBASSADOR YOUNG HAS CONSISTENTLY FAVORED AN ACTIVIST US POLICY TOWARD AFRICA. UNDER AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S LEADERSHIP THE US HAS MOVED AGGRESSIVELY IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN THE LAST MONTH TO HELP FIND PEACEFUL, NEGOTIATED SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE US IS ATTEMPTING TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENT SOLUTIONS WHICH ONLY ENCOURAGE COMMUNIST INTERFERENCE. IN THIS CONNECTION, IN HIS APRIL 11 INTERVIEW AMBASSADOR YOUNG SAID "WE DO ALMOST EVERYTHING SO MUCH BETTER THAN THEY (THE COMMUNISTS) THE SOONER THE FIGHTING STOPS AND THE TRADING BEGINS THE QUICKER WE WIN."

-- IN NO INTERVIEW HAS AMBASSADOR YOUNG EVER SAID OR IMPLIED THAT THE "COMMUNISTS IN AFRICA PRESENT NO DANGER." AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION  
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ARE OPPOSED TO SOVIET INTERFERENCE IN AFRICAN AFFAIRS. WE BELIEVE AFRICAN PROBLEMS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED IN A REGIONAL CONTEXT WITHOUT INTERVENTION BY DISTANT POWERS.

-- AMBASSADOR YOUNG HAS SUPPORTED US MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO AFRICAN NATIONS. HE SUPPORTED; FOR EXAMPLE, THE SALE OF SIX C-130 AIRCRAFT TO THE SUDAN AND FAVORS CONTINUED US MILITARY SALES TO KENYA.

2. PLEASE CONVEY TO PRINCE SAUD THAT BOTH THE SECRETARY AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG SHARE A COMMON POSITION ON AFRICA. THEY SHARE SAUDI CONCERN OVER SOVIET ACTIVITY AND INCREASING ARMS SHIPMENTS TO AFRICAN NATIONS. THE US GOVERNMENT'S EVOLVING POLICY ON AFRICA IS DESIGNED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE STABILITY OF THE AREA, TO SUPPORT THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF AFRICAN STATES AND TO ASSIST IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT. THEY PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE THE POSITIVE ROLE THE SAUDI'S ARE PLAYING TO HELP BRING STABILITY TO THE AREA AND LOOK FORWARD

TO CONTINUED CLOSE CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION WITH  
SAUDI ARABIA IN DEALING WITH AFRICAN AFFAIRS.

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